

NATIONAL GRAND MAS-  
TER SOUNDS THE ALARMINTEREST DEEPENS WITH  
YEARS IN SONGS OF SOUTH-  
ERN NEGRO.

By Prof. J. W. Work.

Interest in the songs of the Southern Negro deepens as the years go by. This interest springs from certain sources of strength inherent in these songs which give birth to the hope and expectation that this music born in the hearts of slaves will some day be the foundation and spirit of a new music which will make an unusual impression upon the world. The southern white man has always understood, appreciated and enjoyed the music of the Southern Negro. In fact, it is probably due to him that the plantation melodies are enjoying so vigorous a life to-day. He has shown such love for and enjoyment of them that the Negro himself even against his own desires and inclinations, has sung them to please his white friends. This way they have been kept alive until a class of Negroes came along, recognized their worth and beauty and began to study and develop them.

Sometimes we hear the remark "that these old songs are dying out." No, they are not dying at all; they have been born to a new life. This interest of the southern white man in this music is natural and strong because it recalls to his mind some of the dearest associations of his life; some of the happiest associations of his life have centered about this simple heart-music. Rev. A. C. Dixon, formerly of this country, now the pastor of Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London, once made the remark that his conversion to Christianity was due to the influence of these songs.

Interest from a purely musical standpoint has lately been aroused by the pronouncement of Dvorak that the songs of the southern plantations were the only original American music. Other noted authorities have agreed with him and several of them have used these melodies and principles of this music in building pretentious compositions. The best known of these is "The New World Symphony" by Dvorak.

These composers find in these songs the fullest expression of southern life along with certain melodies and principles which are beautiful and strikingly original. One original feature is scale. The Negro used one of his own, which contains six notes, and the most striking of these notes is the flat seven, which to him is natural and not accidental. Another feature is that some of his most effective melodies are composed of as few as three notes. The most potent characteristic is rhythm, which is as nearly perfect as human mind could produce and has impressed itself more deeply upon American music in general than most of us would be willing to believe.

The gospel hymns, march music, especially of Sousa, are made effective largely by the rhythm of Negro folk songs employed in them. Take away this rhythm from rag-time and it will die a sudden and just death. From the Negro's viewpoint other sources of interest, in addition to these which have been noted, are that all this music is based upon the Bible; all the songs can be traced back to some verse or expression of the Bible or to some religious experience. These songs were prayers, petitions and shouts of triumph of our fathers. They were the means of communication with God, in whom they had ever-increasing faith. In all the vast number of these songs there is not the least shadow of doubt, naught but faith, immutable faith.

Finally, the strongest claim which these songs make upon our admiration is expressed in what is the finest and most sublime song in all the collection and probably the finest song human hearts ever sang, "Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart." In all these hundreds of songs of the Negro there is no hint of suspicion or hatred or revenge. They are the heart-songs of love.—Atlanta Constitution.

## TEXAS FARMERS VISIT NASHVILLE.

Led by Prof. E. L. Blackshear, their chairman, and H. G. Mason, secretary, a delegation from the lower part of the state of Texas visited Nashville from Texas Sunday. These tillers of the soil who have been making such wonderful improvements in the farm lands of Texas, were visitors to the Negro Farmers' Congress, which was held in Birmingham, Ala., last week. They returned by way of Nashville so that they might get a glimpse of the Tennessee capital.

Prof. Blackshear is President of the Prairieview State Normal School at Prairieview Texas, and was one of the principal speakers at the Congress. While here they were the guests of Dr. R. H. Boyd, of the Publishing House. They spent the greater part of the day viewing the city and left Sunday night for their respective homes.

## MOSAICS HAVE GOOD SESSION—MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED.

Reports from All Departments Show Progress—Nearly One Thousand Increase in Membership—National Grand Master Alexander and State Grand Master Harris Read Their Annual Addresses.

Special to the Globe.

Memphis, Tenn., July 3.—The annual session of the State Grand Lodge Mosaic Templars of America came to a close here to-day. The session began Tuesday, the first of the month, and each day two sessions were held with an open meeting at night. Several visitors were introduced and



HON. WM. ALEXANDER,  
Little Rock, Ark.,  
National Grand Master Mosaic Templars of America.

The session opened with the usual preliminaries on Tuesday morning, made short talks.

After the appointment of the different committees the meeting adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Upon reassembling the routine of business was taken up and dispensed with last. National Grand Master Alexander of Arkansas, and National Grand Auditor McConico were in attendance at the meeting. It was quite a stir when the Grand Lodge first assembled, owing to a rumor that gained circulation that the Memphis delegation had planned to take all the offices; the election, however, proved to be more talk than fact, as was evidenced by the officers that were elected.

Harmony prevailed throughout the session, and the delegation seemed to be favorably impressed. The officers made their reports in detail. It was clearly seen that general satisfaction prevailed. The meeting adjourned this evening at 5 o'clock. As the



MR. J. W. HARRIS,  
Memphis,  
Grand Master Mosaic Templars of America, Jurisdiction of Tennessee.

State Grand Lodge will not meet in 1914, but will send representatives to the National meeting in Tuskegee, Ala., the following officers were elected: The next meeting place will be in Nashville, in 1915.

Tennessee.  
Aaronic Grand Mistress—Jane Young, Nashville.  
State Grand Scribe—Hattie Cherry, Ripley.  
State Asst. Grand Scribe—Ethel Trice, Bolivar.  
State Grand Treasurer—Lee Miller, Bolivar.  
State Grand Chaplain—Rev. Wm. Womack, Dyersburg.

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KNIGHTS AND  
CALANTHEANSTAKE CHARGE OF THE CITY MEETINGS  
BRINGS TOGETHER MEN AND WOMEN

Called to Order Tuesday Morning in Odd Fellows Auditorium and Mt. Olive Baptist Church—Committees Appointed—Big Outing at Greenwood Park—Presentation of New Furniture.

Brilliant as well as inspiring was the showing made by the representatives from 222 subordinate lodges with the entire coterie of grand officers, at the fourteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Tennessee, which was called to order in the Odd Fellow's Auditorium Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Dr. J. P. Crawford, the Grand Chancellor of the state, who is serving his fourteenth consecutive term, officiated at the opening session, which was characterized by strict business methods. The usual profuse welcomes that have heretofore taken up so much of the time did not block the rapid transaction of business in the morning session. Instead more than five hundred gallant and brave knights responded to the calling of the roll immediately after the meeting was called to order and after the Grand Prelate had invoked divine blessings, the Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge in order and appointed the Grand Sergeant-at-Arms with his assistants to take up the semi-annual pass word. Following the report of the Sergeant-at-Arms and his assistants, the Grand Chancellor then appointed the Credential Committee with A. W. Fite as chairman. While the Credential Committee was laboring or taking up their tasks, Grand Chancellor Crawford, in splendid, well-worded



SIR KNIGHT H. A. BOYD  
Presents the New Furniture to the  
Grand Lodge K. P.

remarks recounted the difficulties and the obstacles that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee had encountered and overcome, congratulating the gallant men present in the fact that this was one of the most largely attended sessions in the history of the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding it was the first day. He declared that the Order was in better shape and that the prospects for a successful session were never brighter.

The Grand Chancellor referred to the fact that at the Chattanooga session a friend and sir knight had promised the Grand Lodge a present and that it became his pleasant duty at this moment to present the Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, the Assistant Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, who was there to present or carry out a promise made at the Chattanooga session. Cheer after cheer went up as the Grand Chancellor escorted Mr. Boyd to the speaker's stand. Rev. Boyd spoke briefly, saying:

"Grand Chancellor and Sir Knights of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee:

On behalf of an institution that stands out boldly for manhood and womanhood, but an institution whose principles are enunciated in the doctrines taught by the lowly Nazarene during his mission here on earth, and on behalf of an institution that is struggling to help in stamping out the individuals as well into the race, real self-pride, such as Pythianism stands for, real friendship, charity and benevolence, which is my motto, and on behalf of my own lodge, Damon No. 2, I count it a privilege to come here today to bring to you in reality what was promised from the platform of this Grand Lodge in its Chattanooga session.

"In the fulfillment of this promise, as well as through the months that have intervened since the promise was made, I have been conscious of the fact that this entire organization, its subordinate lodges, its courts as well as

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COMPANY G EN-  
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## EAST TENNESSEANS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE CRACK COMPANY.

Has Record that is Envyable—This Year Spent at Camp Sevier—Many Visitors at the Camp—Capt. Bowman Keeps Men Up to a High Standard—Return to Headquarters.

In a beautiful triangular valley, undulated and yet sloping gently to the southwest, six miles northeast from Knoxville, one mile north of Fountain City, is situated Camp John Sevier. To the old settlers Hynes Valley, as it is known, is bounded on the north by Beaver Ridge and on the south by Black Oak Ridge. These ridges stand close together on the east and gradually diverge as they extend southwestward. The divide or watershed crosses the valley from north to south so that all the water fall north of the divide must enter, evaporate or be absorbed by the earth, but south of the divide joins the branches from the clear, sparkling spring branches which unite and form Beaver Creek which is a branch of Bull Run Creek whose outlet is in the Tennessee river. The camp covers about 120 acres of land and the adjoining country is owned and occupied by happy, prosperous farmers, W. H. King and Richard Hill.

Company G. Onattached.

In the early 1897 Robert S. Settles, then a sexton at Christ Church in Nashville, Tenn., conceived the idea of forming his boy companions into a military company. Prof. Richard Hill, in charge of music in the public schools of Nashville, then president of the Board of Directors of the Negro Department of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, assisted by Rev. W. H. Key, a local preacher in the A. M. E. church and a substantial citizen, made application and secured charter for a military company. This company elected Robert S. Settles captain. He accordingly made the preliminary arrangements.

In 1904 First Lieutenant Henry H. Bowman, of the company was elected captain and the first encampment was held in 1905. With the exception of 1906 the company has been given an annual outing or encampment. In addition to this special trips have been taken from the Armory at Nashville, Tenn., to Murfreesboro, Shelbyville, Franklin, Lebanon, Memphis and Clarksville, Tenn. Sham battles have been fought on several fields. The company is composed of young men who are citizens of Davidson County and who earn a living by faithful service in any of the trades or professions of civil life. They have records for faithfulness of service in their civil avocations which reflect credit on any class of men. They are industrious, honest, upright and trustworthy, and when enlisted bring such recommendations from their employers. The company has a record of which it is justly proud. For efficiency and discipline the records show that Company G. (unattached) stands second to no company in Tennessee. Be it said to the credit of State and Federal governments that the officials have been so just and magnanimous in the execution of their several duties that in many respects Company G. has been recorded as a company of S. G. of Tennessee with the privileges and opportunities to demonstrate the ability of soldiers.

The Solidarity of the Negro Soldier. Of the ten millions of Negro citizens within the United States, eight millions live south of Mason and Dixon Line. These eight millions of Negroes are represented in the military department of this great government by this one company, composed of sixty enlisted men, making one enlisted man represent more than one million five hundred thousand souls. Just think of one and a half million human beings occupying a territory, say 400 miles long and 100 miles wide, like our own fair Tennessee, famous throughout the civilized world for her lofty mountains which kiss the vaulted skies, and within whose

..... an unsurpassed climate for beautiful beauty and variety, within whose bowels are found fields of iron ore, the first in the world. Mines of coal, enough to supply the nation for ages. Between these hills are fertile valleys rich with every variety of product and traversed here and there by clear brooks, creeks and rivulets teaming with a variety of fishes. Here the mountain trout is seen to jump like the proverbial bull frog and the horned owl in the twilight and quietness of the cool night will call to the passer-by "Who, who, who are you?" This echo floats back from the opposite mountain as if seven owls instead of one were asking the question. Here the turtle dove in plaintive ..... calls to his mate or lady love and refuses to be comforted though he may be answered from a neighboring crag. The whippoorwill whistles as well as the "Bob

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## 25,000 TO ATTEND NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

## ESTIMATE BASED UPON INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS STATES

Reception Committee Making Preparations—Excursion Rates on All Railroads, Says Secretary Hudson—Lowest Rates Granted in Many Years—Due to Jubilee Celebration—Special Trains.

Twenty-five thousand visitors will be in Nashville September 17th to the 22nd, to attend the "Fifty Years of Freedom" and the "Religious Jubilee" to be held in connection with the National Baptist Convention. This estimate is considered conservative, based, it is said, upon a careful calculation of the estimates from the various states. At any rate, preparation for the entertainment of this number is already under way by the reception committee.

Excursion fares on all railroads have been announced. This authoritative statement reached the city this week from professor R. B. Hudson, of Selma, Ala., Secretary of the Convention. It is further stated that it is the lowest rate granted the Convention for a number of years. Through tickets will be sold from New England, from the West and in fact, from all sections of the United States. The exceptionally low rate is attributed to the fact that it will be a "Jubilee Celebration of the Emancipation of the Slaves and the Observance of the Fifty Years of Freedom" in connection with the Convention.

Already arrangements are being made to handle special trains that will come into Nashville during the week of the Convention. The first special train announced thus far will arrive in Nashville from St. Louis. It is to come over the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, leaving St. Louis at eight o'clock Tuesday, September 16th, arriving in Nashville at the College Street Station Wednesday morning in time for breakfast. It is understood that delegates from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, Colorado and Missouri will make up this train. It is understood that one of the directors of this special train will be Rev. J. H. May, D. D., of Lincoln, Neb., a former Tennessean, now pastoring in the West.

## COMMITTEE ARRANGING FOR NATIONAL MEDICAL MEETING.

Last Monday night at the regular monthly meeting of the Rock City Academy of Medicine definite steps were taken toward arranging for the coming meeting of the National Medical Association, which convenes in this city August 26, 17 and 28.

Dr. J. H. Hale, chairman of the committee on homes, is asking that all persons who will take delegates send their names in to his office in the Brown Building on Cedar street. Other members of this committee are Drs. T. H. Elliott, F. G. Smith, Joan I. Watson, J. T. Phillips, J. W. Bright, W. H. Walker, F. A. Stewart, J. W. Russell, C. V. Roman, Josie E. Wells, G. H. Bundy and G. H. Kelly.

Preceding the meeting of the Medical Association will be the Meharry Reunion which will be here on the 25th of August. The delegates to the Association, however, plan to be in the city Saturday, the 23rd, in order that Health Day, Sunday, August 24, may be profitably observed. It is the plan of the Rock City Academy to supply every church in the city with a doctor to speak at the eleven o'clock services on that day. Everybody is asked to co-operate to make every feature of the Association a success.

## MRS. TAYLOR IN THE CITY.

Mrs. Lorena C. Taylor, who for several summers has been a most charming visitor to our city, is again in our midst, the guest of Miss Nell E. King, of Scovel street. Mrs. Taylor, who represents the Central Regatta Company of Cincinnati, has a most excellent display of lodge paraphernalia at the Grand Lodge and Grand Court sessions. She will spend next week in the city and several social functions have been planned for her, of which Miss King will give the initial one. Mrs. Taylor will leave here for Sumter, S. C., where she will spend several days before returning to her home in Cincinnati.

## DR. LEACH CALLED HOME ON A SAD MISSION.

Dr. J. L. Leach was called home from his work in Jackson, Miss., on account of the death of his aunt, Mrs. Sylvia Malone, who departed this life June 28. Dr. Leach is associated with Dr. R. L. Johnson, his former teacher at Pearl High School. Dr. Johnson was in the city a few days ago while Dr. Leach attended his practice in Jackson, but the sudden death of his aunt compelled Dr. Johnson to hasten back to Jackson to re-leave Dr. Leach.

## ORDER OF CALANTHE HOLDS CELEBRATION AT GREENWOOD PARK.

One of the most pleasing features of the week in connection with the meeting of the Grand Lodge K. of P.'s and Grand Court of Calantha was the entertainment given at Greenwood Park Tuesday afternoon by the Grand Courts. The exercises were planned to begin at 2 o'clock, but owing to pressing business in the morning session of the ladies' department and the necessity of a short evening session in the men's department, the exercises were deferred to a later hour. The drill by Uniform Rank No. 5, of East Nashville, took place on scheduled time; the attendance was not large at 4 o'clock, but those who were present enjoyed the exercises very much. The Uniform Ranks under the generalship of Captain Shelby, were given lengthy applause for their aptitude in executing orders. The exercises of the day consisted of the following program:

Prayer, Rev. C. H. Clark; quartet, C. L. Harwell and others; introductory remarks, Rev. P. Taylor; welcome on behalf of Courts, Mrs. Maggie Lewis; solo, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson; welcome on behalf of citizens, Hon. A. N. Johnson; solo, Mrs. J. D. Bushell; welcome on behalf of juveniles, Miss Ruth Upshaw; instrumental solo, Miss Rosa Bell Jennings; response to be appointed by G. W. C. The program committee, Mrs. M. Lewis and Miss A. R. Dunlap, deserves much credit for the excellent program arranged.

The entertainment committee, Mrs. Alice Douglas, chairman; Miss N. E. Perkins, secretary, had everything well in hand and for the entertainment of the visiting delegates. Mrs. Douglas is too well known in this city to need any introduction and to say that she had charge of the entertainment is to say that it was carried out in the most successful manner.

Amusements were special features of the occasion. The following committee had charge of the entertainment:

Committee on Reception: Mrs. Clemmie White, chairman; Miss Emma Joe Cockrill, secretary.

Committee on Printing: Mrs. Marie Chadwell, chairman; Mrs. Georgia A. Johnson, secretary; Mayme E. Thompson and Mrs. J. C. Thompson.

Committee on Decorations: Mrs. Ella Parks, chairman; Mrs. Mollie Rivers, secretary.

Committee on Finance: Mesdames Corolla Upshaw, chairman; Rachel McCullough, secretary; Nancy Shelby, Annie Marseall, Sophia Dodson, Eliza Porter, Eliza Sanders, secretary.

Gatekeepers: Sir Knights A. W. Upshaw, Gilbert White, Dr. W. A. Reed and Dr. G. W. Bugg.

Vigilant Committee: Mesdames Susan Pillow, Wm. Hunt, Wm. Hicks, Ella Parks.

## DEATH OF MRS. BEDFORD GREEN.

Mrs. Bedford Green, one of the old, prominent citizens of this city, died July 2nd, at 10:30 o'clock p. m. at her residence on Sixth avenue, South. Mrs. Green had been in poor health for the last few years, but she had not been confined to her bed. On June 27th her condition became serious, and after a few days of intense suffering she breathed her last. She was the wife of the late Rev. Bedford Green, who was one of the ablest and most prominent A. M. E. ministers of the state. There were born to them two children, a boy and a girl, William and Maggie. The boy died a few years ago, and there is remaining only the daughter, who is now Mrs. Washington, the wife of one of the prominent physicians of Owensboro, Ky. Her funeral was held at St. Paul A. M. E. Church July 4th at 10 o'clock a. m. and attended by Bishop Tyree and Revs. J. W. Sexton and G. L. Jackson, interment at Mt. Ararat.

## PROF. J. E. WILKINSON, OF TEXAS.

Among the visitors in Nashville this week was Prof. J. E. Wilkinson, of Centerville, Texas. Prof. Wilkinson was a delegate to the National Negro Farmers' Congress at Birmingham, but ran over to Nashville to see the improvements and the progress being made by the citizens of this city. He had letters of introduction from the county, where he has been a teacher in the schools for the past twenty-eight years. He left the city for Texas much pleased with the rapid progress that his people were making in Nashville.

## DR. NAPIER ENTERTAINED IN CHICAGO.

Dr. Alonzo Napier, of this city, who spent six weeks in Chicago, taking a post course, was highly entertained at a banquet by the Dental Association of Chicago. Speeches were special features of the occasion, Dr. Napier being the principal speaker.